

**State of California
Department Of Energy
Weatherization Assistance Program (DOE WAP)
Disaster Relief Plan**

The purpose of California's Department of Energy (DOE) Disaster Relief Plan is to provide emergency services to low-income individuals and families affected by a disaster as determined by a Presidential or Gubernatorial order declaring either a Federal or State Emergency. The plan will be in effect for a minimum of six months but could be extended dependent upon the anticipated recovery period.

Disaster relief services are only available to qualified low-income households directly affected by the declared disaster. Subgrantees may re-prioritize service requests from these households so that timely weatherization and re-weatherization services can be provided. Dwellings may only be provided repairs or weatherization services that are not paid for by insurance or reimbursed by any other source. Any home damaged by disaster can be reweatherized without regard to date of the original weatherization.

For qualified households, the unit allowance will be increased to the maximum reimbursement for a state of emergency as permitted in the DOE WAP Contract. The maximum is calculated at approximately 15% higher than the most current average per weatherized dwelling unit as established by DOE. The maximum limit for minor envelope repairs will be equivalent to the maximum reimbursement per unit dwelling.

Relief services shall include but are not necessarily limited to the following activities in order of priority:

1. All health & safety measures that are within the scope of the weatherization program are given first priority. Health & safety measures can also be expanded to address specific needs of the clientele such as site clean-up and temporary heating sources.
2. Secondary priority will be given to a specific list of weatherization measures that will be established as the most beneficial for the type of disaster. The need for these measures must be due to a direct result of the disaster; otherwise, the order of their installation reverts back to normal weatherization policies and procedures. For each emergency, CSD will seek approval from DOE regarding the priority of these measures and the abandonment of applicable NEAT energy audit requirements.

3. All remaining measures are to be installed in order of priority in accordance with the CSD Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program Policies and Procedures.
4. Technical assistance may be provided to residents, builders, contractors, and others who are involved in the recovery efforts to aid in achieving the energy efficiency goals of the program.

Prior to initiating disaster relief services, Subgrantees will be required to submit a written plan to CSD outlining the services to be provided and to report activities, expenditures, and demographics as required by the weatherization program.